

BIG TUJUNGA WASH MITIGATION BANK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION AND ACTION LIST

Action Items from the March 6, 2003 CAC Meeting

Item	Follow-up	Comments/Status
1. Mary Bell entrance	Public Works & Chambers Group	The old entrance is now closed. Public Works is checking on the status of the "no wheeled vehicles" sign.
2. General site signage	Public Works	The "No Trespassing" signs along the Wentworth fence need to be taken down and replaced with signs that identify the mitigation bank. There are also signs on the bluff near the ponds that say "Wildlife Area – No Trespassing" that need to be taken down.
3. Tamayo property	Public Works	There is no change to the status of this issue. Public Works is working with the Mapping and Property Management division and still waiting for finalization on the acquisition of this property. Additionally, there is a lot of trash on the Tamayo property.
4. Unauthorized overnight campers on the site	Public Works	There are currently encampments under the 210 freeway, on the eastern side of the eastern pond (he owns 2 dogs), near the creek crossing below Cottonwood, and in the northwest corner behind PM Entertainment near some Arundo. Additionally, there are BBQ fires and temporary encampments between the ponds. There are reports that the unauthorized overnight campers have broken into the City Yard and the garden at the end of Sharon Street. The sweep with the LA Homeless Services Authority was not successful. Public Works is currently working with Pat Davenport, the LAPD, and the LA Homeless Services Authority.
5. Trails signage	Chambers Group & CAC members	The location and number of trail signs and information signs was discussed. Terry Kaiser will make the signs if Chambers/Public Works buys the placards. Carol also noted where the trails map needs to be updated by eliminating old trails.
6. Graffiti	Public Works	Andrea asked about access through Wheatland for a group of people to remove the graffiti. This area is Caltrans' jurisdiction, not Public

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		Works. Belinda will follow up on this issue and request that the graffiti be removed on a monthly basis. A Caltrans and City lock will be added to the gate.
7. Additional trashcans	Public Works & Flood Maintenance	Another trashcan at the Wheatland/210 gate is still needed. The trashcans at Mary Bell and Wheatland need to be picked up more regularly or more trashcans need to be added.
8. Pond crossing	Public Works & Chambers Group	Now that the old footbridge has been removed, people are stacking up wood debris to cross between the ponds. The debris that is laying around in that area needs to be removed from the site. Because people will always want to cross the ponds at this location, it was suggested that a new, safer footbridge (metal plank) be installed or that the channel between the 2 ponds be widened. Chambers Group and Public Works will look into this and will have to coordinate with LA Parks and Recreation if action is taken.
9. Porta potties	Public Works	The Port-o-San company was contacted about the graffiti on the doors and apparently they do not clean up graffiti.
10. Exotic wildlife removal	Chambers Group	Santa Ana sucker critical habitat will soon be designated by USFWS. USFWS should be contacted to see if Big T will be affected by the designation.
11. Water quality analysis	Public Works	CAC members Dennis Kroeplin, Mary Benson, and Jerry Piro requested copies of the water quality reports. Belinda Kwan will follow up. The first quarter sampling is scheduled for late March.
12. Trails monitoring	Chambers Group	Trail users are turning the erosion gully located below Cottonwood into a "shortcut" to the main trail. This repeated use has widened the gully. Public Works will need to bring in boulders and/or tree trunks to block off that area. Additionally, there is some new erosion where the upland trail was repaired. Public Works will have to request Flood Maintenance to sandbag those new areas. The scarecrow in the restoration area is still laying down and needs to be removed. Some trail users are still

		using closed trails. There is a hole in the fence at the end of Radwin Ave where people could access the site to dump trash. Public Works will follow up.
13. Fence damage	Public Works	Caltrans cut the fence along the onramp to the freeway near Wheatland to clean up trash. LADPW will contact Caltrans to see if they will fix the fence.
14. Mary Bell restoration	Public Works & Chambers Group	Carol Roper asked if any restoration will take place inside the fence near the Mary Bell entrance. Pam DeVries of Chambers Group will check with Public Works on this issue.
15. Canyon Trails golf course	Public Works & Chambers Group	Public Works and Chambers Group will meet with the golf course folks to find out what herbicides/pesticides they will be using. Tests for these will be included in the spring water quality sampling.